

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended.

The specification has been amended to explain the advantages of the control key configuration file 13.

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Os et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,480,304). In response, claim 1 has been amended and is believed to be patentable over Os et al. for the reasons discussed below.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite “wherein said control key configuration file is adjustable for recording the procedural steps for each of said plurality of function keys associated with said application program”. Os et al. is believed not to have such a control key configuration file. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 8, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Os et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 8, 18 and 19 recite additional, important limitations and should be allowable for the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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